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ENGINEERING DIVISION

Reference No.

ENG-7-542

27 MAY 1957

ATTN :

Director of Logistics

Director of Communications

Request for Assignment of Tasks with
and

1. This Office has a requirement for the development of a Miniaturized Data Recorder. The problem of obtaining a miniature recorder capable of performing the required functions and meeting the desired operational requirements has been, and continues to be, one of the outstanding stumbling blocks in [redacted]. Numerous commercial recorders have been used in modified forms; however, none have met our needs. After two years of effort by other agencies, in the development of miniaturized recorders and the subsequent unsatisfactory developments resulting therefrom, we are undertaking the development of a Miniaturized Data Recorder fashioned directly to our requirements.

2. The attached contractor's proposals for the development of the Miniaturized Data Recorder each represent feasible engineering approaches to the basic problem. In view of the extreme operational necessity of obtaining a satisfactory recorder and the apparent difficulty which has been encountered in similar developments by other agencies, it is requested that parallel development be undertaken by both contractors.

3. Requisitions No. MSB 57-580 in the amount of \$137,280.93 for a task with [redacted] and MSB 57-581 in the amount of \$131,339.85 for a task with [redacted] are attached. These funds are chargeable to Allotment No. 7-7912-50-600. The association of this Agency with these tasks, the contracts, and the equipment is classified **SECRET**. The equipment, the specifications, and the engineering reports, however, are **UNCLASSIFIED**. The project engineer assigned to these tasks is [redacted]

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Attachments:

- 1) Requisition No. MSB 57-580
- 2) Requisition No. MSB 57-581
- 3) [redacted] with Cost Estimate and Price Analysis
- 4) [redacted] and Price Analysis

COORDINATION:

OC-E/R&D-EP/DLW:cmf (24 May 1957)

cc: R&D Subject File/Reading/OC-A [redacted]

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